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SUBJECT: ARAB OIL MINISTERS TO MEET IN CAIRO MARCH 11

1. GUMHURIYYA AND AKHBAR BOTH REPORT ON INSIDE PAGES
YAMANI'S STATEMENT TO WALL STREET JOURNAL THAT OIL EMBARGO HAS
SERVED ITS PURPOSE, AND ALSO ANNOUNCEMENT BY ATIQUI IN KUWAIT
THAT ARAB OIL MINISTERS WILL MEET IN CAIRO MARCH 11. GUMHURIYYA,
QUOTING UPI, SAYS A RESPONSIBLE OPEC SOURCE IN KUWAIT SAID
EGYPT SENT OUT INVITATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

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2. AHARAM DOES NOT MENTION SUBJECT, BUT HAS SHORT FRONT PAGE

ITEM QUOTING PRESIDENT NIXON AS SAYING DURING MARCH 6 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE HOPES OIL PRODUCING STATES, IN CONSIDERATION OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS EXERTED BY WASHINGTON TO FIND SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, WILL TAKE A DECISION RE BAN ON OIL SHIPMENTS TO US DURING MARCH 11 MEETING (VENUE NOT MENTIONED).

3. ENGLISH LANGUAGE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE, WHOSE READERSHIP VIRTUALLY LIMITED TO FOREIGN COMMUNITY, HAS FRONT PAGE ITEM REPORTING ATIQI'S STATEMENT, ADDING THAT "IT WAS EARLIER UNDERSTOOD THE MEETING WOULD BE STAGED IN TRIPOLI, LIBYA-WHERE A CONFERENCE OF THE MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR FEB 14 WAS POSTPONED. EGYPT HAS PROMOTED THE NEW MEETING, APPARENTLY TO PRESS ARGUMENTS THAT US EFFORTS TOWARDS A ME PEACE SETTLEMENT JUSTIFY LIFTING THE ARAB'S OIL EMBARGO IMPOSED ON WASHINGTON DURING THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR LAST OCTOBER. OBSERVERS IN THE GULF BELIEVE THERE WILL BE NO STRONG OBJECTIONS FROM GULF GOVERNMENTS IF SUCH A PROPOSAL IS MADE."
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